GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRITERIA FOR LPG BOTTLING PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria fixed for installing LPG bottling plants in the country ;

(b) the details of LPG bottling plants functioning in West Bengal alongwith their capacity ;

(c) whether the present strength of LPG bottling plants available in West Bengal is enough to cater to the needs of LPG consumers in the State ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : LPG bottling plants are set up by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on the basis of techno-economic feasibility after taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG of the area.

(b) to (e) : The details of LPG bottling plants of OMCs, along with their capacity, functioning in the State of West Bengal, are given in the Annexe. In addition to these bottling plants, HPCL has a skid mounted bottling facility at Falakata and is also taking assistance from two private bottlers located at Haldia and Burdwan for meeting the requirements of their customers. OMCs have reported that the available bottling capacity is adequate to meet the packed LPG demand of their customers in the State.

ANNEXE
DETAILS OF LPG BOTTLING PLANTS ALONGWITH THEIR CAPACITY , FUNCTIONING IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL.

Location	Name of Oil Company	Bottling capacity in Thousand Metric Tons Per Annum (TMTPA)
Kalyani	IOCL	88
Durgapur	IOCL	88
Haldia	IOCL	20
Budge Budge	IOCL	64
Malda	IOCL	22
Siliguri	IOCL	22
Ulubaria	BPCL	44
Durgapur	BPCL	22
Raiganj	BPCL	22
Paharpur	HPCL	44
TOTAL		436